## News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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## **State Reopens Enrollment in Prescription Assistance Program**

The Wyoming Department of Health will be able to help more Wyoming residents cover their prescription drug costs as an existing enrollment cap for the Wyoming Prescription Drug Assistance Program's (PDAP) is lifted on July 1.

PDAP is a state-funded program designed to help low-income clients who do not categorically qualify for Medicaid with prescription costs. Due to a funding shortfall, a freeze on new enrollments in the program went into effect on July 1, 2003.

"There are a number of people in Wyoming who desperately need prescription assistance," said State Pharmacist Roxanne Homar.

"With the implementation of the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, a large number of PDAP clients made a transition into the new Medicare program for help with their prescriptions," Homar continued. "This shift is making it possible for the state to lift the enrollment cap on our program so we can serve more Wyoming residents."

Offered through the Office of Pharmacy Services, Wyoming's program is unique from other state programs because it is not limited to helping the elderly or disabled. Each eligible client can receive up to three prescriptions per month, with a \$10 copay for generics and a \$25 copay for brand-name drugs.

To qualify, clients must fall under 100 percent of the federal poverty level and meet a resource test.

Eligibility for the program is determined by local Department of Family Services offices. For a list of how to contact these offices, please call 1-800-457-3659.

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